

Flood and Erosion Control Board
Regular Meeting
July 2, 2014

Present: David Benvenuti
George Harran
James Hamsher

Also Present: Martin T. Olsen, Jr., New London City Counselor
Thomas Quintin, Chairman of Save Ocean Beach
Louise Fabrziewicz, Director of Environmental Program
Donald Gerwick, Gerwick-Meeren
Maureen Fitzgerald, Waterford Environmental Planner
David Shugrue, Ocean Beach Manager
Harry Smith, City Planner of New London

1. OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Benvenuti called the July 2, 2014 Flood and Erosion Control Board Regular Meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

a. Alewife Cove Bathymetric Survey. Mr. Gerwick gave copies of Bathymetric Survey Study of Alewife Cove dated June 25, 2014 to those present. The Study shows what it looks like now and what it looked like before.

Mr. Benvenuti stated when we dredged Alewife Cove in 1987 it was a joint effort with the City of New London, State of Connecticut and Waterford. He felt it is important to be cost conscious. In kind service will save costs.

Mr. Gerwick reported the contract we entered into with this Board was to replicate cross sections that were previously done and to add additional cross sections. Mr. Gerwick stated there is scouring in the area to the west.

Mr. Olsen asked what is the problem? Mr. Gerwick replied we have done the data, but we will work in conjunction with DEEP to discuss what both communities would like to do and what DEEP will allow. Mr. Benvenuti added our biggest concern is the scouring behind the New London jetty. Mr. Gerwick stated we now have a reference line to give us an idea of where the edge of the waterway is. Ms. Fitzgerald stated in terms of presenting to DEEP we need to know the relative location of the jetty. We have lost 5ft and need to stabilize it. Mr. Quinlan asked what would happen if nothing is done in New London? Mr. Gerwick replied it seems to be working that way. We now have two snapshots in time. There is approximately 4ft of scour. He stated for the purposes of comparison photos will give a visual approach.

Mr. Benvenuti reported we have to assume that there has been storm damage over the last 25 years. When the cove was dredged part of the project was to continue the Waterford jetty and build the New London jetty. The water quality was poor and the oxygen gone. Our goal is to establish good water quality and thereby addressing the problem at the mouth of the cove. This Board and Ms. Fitzgerald have taken water quality measurements. Our primary goal is water quality.

Ms. Fabrzkiewicz expressed concern with the sea level. She has spent much time along Ocean Beach and stated if you go around the jetty on the beach side it is carved out. Mr. Benvenuti stated a study was done on sand along the beach and into the cove. C. M. Mcguire continued rip rap to stabilize it.

Mr. Benvenuti would like to have an Engineering Study done as a team effort. He asked all present to review the Study and give comments to him. Mr. Gerwick felt it would be worthwhile to invite a representative of DEEP to a meeting. Mr. Smith agreed to contact the Mayor and the Conservation Commission of the City of New London.

2. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Benvenuti stated Mr. Hamsher reported First Selectman Daniel Steward, the Town Planner and engineers met to discuss options for replacement of the Jordan Cove Bridge. Three options were discussed. The best option was to maintain the current side structures and raise the bridge 1ft. There will also be a sewer and water line. Mr. Hamsher informed them that this Board wants to make sure there is sufficient flow and purging. It was agreed that this option would be put forward. They stated it is their job to replace the bridge and anything else is a separate project.

3. PLANS REVIEW

1. Board members reviewed application #PLK-14-11 for a multi-family development at 105 Boston Post Road.

4. PAYMENT OF BILLS

MOTION: Mr. Harran moved to pay Gerwick-Meeran Engineering
\$12,500 out of Account #20541-57755
for the bathymetric survey of Alewife Cove.
Seconded by Mr. Hamsher. (3-0)

5. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Memo from Ruth Beers, Director of Finance, regarding Capital Project Review.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 4, 2014

MOTION: Mr. Harran moved to approve the June 4, 2014
Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented..
Seconded by Mr. Hamsher. Messrs.
Benvenuti and Hamsher abstained from
voting. (1-0-2) Motion carried.

7. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Hamsher moved to adjourn the
Flood & Erosion Control Board
Regular Meeting at 8:20 p.m.
Seconded by Mr. Harran. (3-0)
Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Gheri, Recording Secretary